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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
Yukihisa KATO et al.)	
U.S.S.N.:)	Washington, D.C.
Filing Date: September 1, 1998)	September 1, 1998
For: FRUIT VINEGAR FROM RAW...)	Docket No.: KATO=15

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 12. The method according to claim 2, wherein the dilution is prepared by diluting the ~~flavorful acid citrus fruit juice with a low citric acid content~~ with at least one ^{member} selected from the group consisting of water, an aqueous solution of glucose, various fruit juices each having a low citric acid content ~~such as apple juice~~, saccharification solutions of starches ~~such as potato starch~~, and saccharification solutions of grain flours ~~such as maize flour (corn flour)~~.
13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the concentration of the ~~flavorful acid citrus fruit juice with a low citric acid content~~ in the dilution is not less than 10% by weight and is less than 100 % by weight.

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